



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Evans, Douglas G. et al.	Group Art Unit:	3738
Serial No.:	10/713,438	Examiner:	Blanco, Javier G.
Filing Date:	Nov. 14, 2003	Atty. Docket No.:	KN P-0131
For:	Devices and Methods for Treating Defects in the Tissue of a Living Being		

AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO THIRD AND FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action dated February 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Please enter the **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments are indicated by underscoring of text to be added, and by ~~striketrough~~ or [[double bracketing]] of text to be deleted.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

This reply is being filed in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, Applicants kindly request that the finality of the pending Action be withdrawn. Further, in the same mailing as this paper, Applicants are submitting a petition for a one-month extension of time.